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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT:CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CASE: W/W JOEL ROCAMORA

REF: MANILA 1665

1. AT WHITE HOUSE REQUEST, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB CONTACTED DON LOWITZ, CHICAGO LAWYER FRIEND OF MR. FREEMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF FULBRIGHT-HAYS BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS (BFS). HABIB PASSED ON TO LOWITZ EMBASSY SUGGESTION REFTEL THAT SENATOR PERCY BE ASKED BY FREEMAN TO CALL AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ. LOWITZ, WHO ORIGINALLY HOPED FOR DIRECT INTERCESSION BY AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN IN CASE, AGREED HE WOULD CALL SENATOR PERCY AND INFORM US OF RESULTS OF PERCY CALL.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, PERCY'S OFFICE CONTACTED EA/PHL TO SAY PERCY WAS CONSIDERING CALL TO PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR AND TO ASK FOR OUR ADVICE. PERCY'S OFFICE WAS TOLD WE FELT CALL BY PERCY AT THIS TIME WAS ADVISABLE AND THAT HE SHOULD ASK ROMUALDEZ FOR INFORMATION ON CHARGES, IF ANY, AGAINST
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ROCAMORA AND IF PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO
PERMIT ROCAMORA TO LEAVE PHILIPPINES.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM EMBASSY WHEN PERCY-ROMUALDEZ
CALL COMPLETED. WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUING STATUS
REPORTS ON CASE TO PASS ON TO FREEMAN AND SENATOR PERCY'S
OFFICE.

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